

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT GREENEVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
v.) Case No. 2:19-CR-190
WILLIAM ELLIS)

ORDER

On December 17, 2020, United States Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley conducted a change of plea hearing and filed a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) recommending: (1) that the Court find that the plea hearing in this case could not be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; (2) that the defendant’s plea of guilty to the charge in Count Three of the indictment be accepted; (3) that the defendant be found guilty of that charge; (4) that a decision on whether to accept the plea agreement be deferred until sentencing; and (5) that the defendant remain in custody until his sentencing hearing. [Doc. 36]. No objections have been filed to the R&R, and the time for doing so has now passed. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(b)(2).

The Court has thoroughly reviewed the R&R. Having done so, Magistrate Judge Shirley's R&R [Doc. 36] is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED** in full.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), it is **ORDERED** that:

1. The plea hearing conducted in this case on December 17, 2020, could not have been further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice;

2. The defendant's plea of guilty to the charge in Count Three of the indictment, that is, of knowingly, or attempting to knowingly, use means of interstate commerce to persuade, induce, or entice a minor to engage in sexual activity, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b), is **ACCEPTED**;
3. The defendant is **ADJUDGED** guilty of Count Three of the indictment;
4. The decision whether to accept the parties' plea agreement is **DEFERRED** until sentencing; and
5. The defendant shall remain in custody until sentencing, which is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.** in Knoxville.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTER:

s/ Leon Jordan

United States District Judge